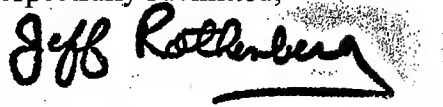


## REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, a cross-reference to related applications, section headings and an Abstract of the Disclosure, are being added to the specification, and the claims are being amended to conform with U.S. practice. More particularly, the claims are being amended to avoid multiple dependencies, delete reference signs and ensure clear antecedent basis. The substance of the claims remain the same. Claims 1-10 remain in this application.

Favorable consideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Rothenberg", is written over a horizontal line.

Jeff Rothenberg  
Reg. No. 26,429  
Attorney for Applicant

Dated: September 22, 2006

HESLIN ROTHENBERG FARLEY & MESITI P.C.  
5 Columbia Circle  
Albany, NY 12203  
Tel: 518-452-5600  
Fax: 518-452-5579  
E-mail: jr@hrfmLaw.com